

requirements within the agency's budgetary goals and it serves as a guideline for the acquisition.

Annual Acquisition Plans—As a means of funds control, prioritization, and workload scheduling, USPTO intends to continue to utilize yearly acquisition plans that are tied to the budget process. The plans should be updated as priorities and funding changes occur to ensure accuracy and currency. Plans will be concise. All planned acquisitions for a given fiscal year should be included on the yearly acquisition plan.

Separate Project Agreements—The USPTO may use a separate project agreement for individual or multiple actions that utilize the Alternative Streamlined Contracting Approach. Project Agreement documents tailored to the size and complexity of the various acquisitions will be developed.

Individual Acquisition Plans—The content of the individual acquisition plan shall be left to the discretion of the Contracting Officer. At a minimum, acquisitions plans should contain the following:

- a. Statement of need.
- b. Applicable conditions.
- c. Cost.
- d. Risks.
- e. Plan of action.
- f. Milestones.

Printing Requirements

The Patent and Trademark Efficiency Act, 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(4)(B), exempts the USPTO from requirements for printing by the Government Printing Office. Accordingly the USPTO intends to acquire printing by the most economic and efficient means available, which may in particular acquisitions include the Government Printing Office.

Market Research

The purpose of USPTO's approach to market research is to identify and determine the availability of products or services that will satisfy its requirements. The USPTO will use such research, as appropriate, to help it ascertain the most efficient acquisition strategy—with consideration of the range of potential sources, availability of commercial items, and identification of standard commercial practices. Accordingly, the USPTO intends to conduct market research that, to the extent possible, is based upon clear statements of an acquisition's intended outcome and does not foreclose, before research is conducted, the consideration of any reasonable solution or technology for accomplishing its goal. The best result of market research will be

achieved when there is a clear statement of the acquisition's intended outcome.

Market research is the responsibility of the entire acquisition team. USPTO Contracting Officers should work closely with technical/program staff to ensure that appropriate market research is conducted. The extent and results of market research efforts should be documented in acquisition planning documents and/or project agreements when the Alternative Streamlined Contracting Approach is utilized.

Bid Protests

The USPTO continues to be subject to the bid protest jurisdiction of the General Accounting Office and of the Court of Federal Claims. The USPTO is also subject to 6 Executive Order 12979 concerning protests to the agency. Its procedures for considering such protests are available at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/comp/proc/protest.htm>.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

James E. Rogan,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

October 17, 2002.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);

Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for special shift.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also see 66 FR 63033, published on December 4, 2001.

Philip J. Martello,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 17, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 27, 2001, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Romania and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on October 23, 2002, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
435	18,749 dozen.
443	31,068 numbers.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
Philip J. Martello,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with Section 19(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date(s) of Meeting: 28-31 October 2002.

Time(s) of Meeting: 0900-1700, 28 October 2002, 0900-1200, 31 October 2002.

Place: Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1. The Army Science Board is holding a General Membership Meeting on 28-31 October 2002. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. The meeting will begin at 0900hrs on the 28th and will end at approximately 1200hrs on the 31st. For further information, please contact Major Robert Grier—703-604-7478 or email: robert.grier@saalt.army.mil.

Wayne Joyner,

Executive Assistant, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Meeting on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Basing the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for basing the advanced amphibious assault vehicle at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton, CA. Two public meetings will be held in order to collect public comments. These meetings are for interested persons to ask questions and provide comments on the DEIS. Each meeting will be conducted in an open house format and participants may attend some or all of the meeting(s).

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The first public meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the City of San Clemente Auditorium, 100 N. Calle Seville, San Clemente, CA. The second public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the City of Oceanside Community Room, 330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA. All written comments regarding the DEIS should be received by December 3, 2002, and directed to Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 5CPR.15 (Attn: Ms.

Lisa Seneca), 937 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lisa Seneca, telephone (619) 532-4744, fax (619) 532-4160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Marine Corps is developing the advanced amphibious assault vehicle (AAAV) to replace the amphibious assault vehicle (AAV) as its primary combat vehicle for transporting troops on land, at sea, and from ship to shore. The AAAV is designed to satisfy many operational requirements to provide increased capabilities compared to the AAV and seamlessly link maneuver on ships and maneuver ashore.

The DEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, which involves the replacement of the AAV with the AAAV at MCB Camp Pendleton, the demolition, construction and modification of facilities at MCB Camp Pendleton to support the AAAV, and conducting AAAV training exercises at San Clemente Island.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups and individuals. The DEIS is available for public review at the following libraries:

- Carlsbad City Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Dr, Carlsbad, CA.
- La Costa Branch Library, 6949 El Camino Real, Suite 200, Carlsbad, CA.
- Del Mar Branch Library, 1309 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, CA.
- Imperial Beach Branch Library, 819 Imperial Beach Blvd, Imperial Beach, CA.
- Oceanside Public Library, 330 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA.
- Ocean Beach Branch Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave, San Diego, CA.
- East San Diego Branch Library, 4089 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, CA.
- San Diego Central Library, 820 East St, San Diego, CA.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

R.E. Vincent II,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

The following patents are available for licensing:

U.S. Patent Number 6,338,456: LANDING IMPACT ABSORBING DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM FOR AIRCRAFT WITH DAMAGED LANDING GEAR. ABSTRACT: Inflation of impact absorbing bags is effected in time delayed relation to selective jettisoning of damaged landing gear on a helicopter prior to landing for replacement of the landing gear by the bags, without puncture thereof by the landing gear being jettisoned. U.S. Patent Number 6,371,410: EMERGENCY LANDING IMPACT ABSORBING SYSTEM FOR AIRCRAFT. ABSTRACT: Inflation of impact absorbing bags is effected on a portable platform positioned on an emergency landing zone after jettisoning of damaged landing gear from a helicopter fuselage. The impact absorbing bags when inflated form a cradle shape conforming to the bottom of the helicopter fuselage. U.S. Patent Number 6,386,830: QUIET AND EFFICIENT HIGH-PRESSURE FAN ASSEMBLY. ABSTRACT: A high-pressure vane-axial fan assembly is provided. A rotor assembly has a plurality of rotor blades disposed circumferentially around and extending radially outward from a hub. Each rotor blade has an airfoil cross-section and is constructed to define a straight-ruled leading edge that extends outward from the hub. The rotor blade is rotated along its span relative to the straight-ruled leading edge. The plurality of rotor blades defines a solidity of greater than 1. A stator assembly has a plurality of stator vanes disposed circumferentially around and extending radially from the frame. There are a lesser number of stator vanes than rotor blades. The stator assembly is positioned adjacent the rotor assembly such that an axial gap is defined between the trailing edge of the stator vanes. The axial gap increases with radial distance from the hub as defined by the shape of the trailing edge of the rotor blades and the shape of the leading edge of the stator vanes. The axial gap is a minimum of the rotor blade's axial chord length along a central portion thereof. U.S. Patent Number 6,382,912: CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSOR WITH VANELESS DIFFUSER. ABSTRACT: A centrifugal compressor or pump has a vaneless diffuser within which a radially extending passage is formed between a fixed plate surface and a profile